

## TENTH YEAR.

### KNOW IT IS LOADED

Hawaiian Question May Not Come Up For Debate Friday

### FOR THE LACK OF A QUORUM

At Least That Is the Plan Set Out in Advance by Democrats of the Committee.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—As already stated, the debate on the Hawaiian question in the house is expected to come on Friday, under the terms of an informal arrangement entered into the day before adjournment by Chairman McCrory of the foreign affairs committee with Speaker Crisp and Chairman Wilson of the ways and means committee. When the resolution of the committee, agreed upon a substitute for the Hitt and Boutelle resolutions, was reported to the house Governor McCrory was anxious that its consideration should be the first business in order. But Messrs. Crisp and Wilson were of the opinion that for numerous and obvious reasons the house should first begin the discussion of the tariff bill.

May Not Have a Quorum. There was another reason which moved Mr. McCrory to accept the slight postponement suggested, and that was that it would be necessary for the democrats to have a quorum present when that question came before the house if it was desired to have affirmative action thereon. The probabilities are that the attendance of members the first two days will not be large, and that the presence of the full democratic strength cannot be secured before Friday. If it should appear on that day that a democratic quorum is not present, the resolution will not be called up. It is expected that the debate will last two or three days and that the resolution reported by the committee will receive the united support of the democratic members.

### EDUCATIONAL REPORT.

It Will Be Ready For Delivery in Ten Days.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—W. T. Harris, the United States commissioner of education, has made public the report of the committee of ten on secondary school studies appointed at the meeting of the National Educational association held in July, 1902, at Saratoga, N. Y. This committee consists of the most distinguished educators in the United States, including the presidents of most of the leading colleges. The recommendations include the earlier introduction of the study of Greek and Latin into American schools, and that three years be devoted to Greek and four years to Latin. They insist that "the pupils of the same intelligence and the same degree of maturity be instructed alike, no matter whether they are subsequently to enter a college of scientific school or intend to pursue their studies no farther."

Finally they declare that "the worst obstacle to modern language study is the lack of properly equipped instruction, and that it is the duty of universities, states and cities to provide opportunities for the special preparation of modern language teachers." The conference on mathematics was unanimously of opinion that a radical change in the teaching of arithmetic was necessary. They recommend that the course in arithmetic be at once abridged and enriched; abridged by omitting those subjects which perplex and exhaust the pupil without affording any real mental discipline, and enriched by a greater number of exercises in simple calculations and in the solution of concrete problems.

The entire report will probably be ready for distribution to persons interested in educational matters in about ten days.

### BERING SEA OPINIONS.

Justice Harlan and Senator Morgan File Them in Paris.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The opinions in full of Justice Harlan and Senator Morgan, arbitrators for the United States in the Bering sea case, were filed in Paris yesterday. This was pursuant to a resolution adopted by the tribunal at its last conference, by which the right was reserved to each arbitrator to file with the secretary of the tribunal at any time before January 1, 1904, an opinion or opinions upon any or all questions submitted to the tribunal for determination, which should be regarded as an annex to the protocol for that day. The opinions just filed embody substantially what was said in conference by the two arbitrators from the United States. It is supposed that under the same resolution, each of the other arbitrators has filed opinions. Those of Justice Harlan are five in number and make a pamphlet of 228 printed pages. Two of them relate to the competence and powers of the tribunal to take the question of property in the Bering sea as well as for Bering sea; one to the question of the jurisdiction and rights asserted and exercised by Russia in the Bering sea prior to 1867, when Alaska was ceded to the United States; and the right of the United States to protect them against piracy and seal; and one to the subject of relations. Upon the question as to the power of the tribunal to make recommendations for the North Pacific, the views of Senator Morgan and Justice Harlan prevailed with the arbitrators.

Wilson Tariff Canceled It.

HARTFORD, Pa., Dec. 31.—The extensive fire brick works of B. B. Wigton & Sons of Philadelphia, Centre county, have shut down, throwing out of employment a large number of men at the works and clay mines. Superintendent Wickel announced that the works will not resume until a final disposition is made of the Wilson tariff bill, which proposes a reduction of \$2 per thousand on fire bricks.

Justice Edmund's Position.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Judge Bradley said this morning that he had not yet to examine the papers in the Long manumission suit, and that his decision would not be handed down before the latter part of next week.

Sumner Returns Thanks.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The state department has received from ladies of

St. Petersburg a splendidly illuminated and printed address to the people of the United States, conveying acknowledgments and thanks for the aid extended to sufferers by famine in Russia. The address is printed on vellum and is accompanied by paintings of Russian women, the whole magnificently bound in Russia leather with an inscription on the book in massive gold letters.

### NATIONAL CAPITAL NOTES.

Cardinal Gibbons had a long consultation with the president Saturday.

Special service has been established between Manning and Iowa, Chetoyan county, Mich.

The cruiser Montanmore has been ordered to Tripoli and there to await further orders.

Secretary of War Lamont has returned from a visit to his father at Mt. Grawville, N. Y.

It is estimated that the public debt statement to be issued tomorrow will show a reduction of \$5,000,000 in the balance available for the payment of the public debt.

Secretary Carlisle has accepted the resignations of H. C. McArthur, surveyor of customs, Lincoln, Nebraska, and Milton Weidner, collector of internal revenue for the Portland, Oregon, district.

There are now in one of the large squares at the high commission building about forty or fifty representatives of the Michiganders. The day was brought to Washington from Chicago after the close of the World's Columbian exposition.

The vote on the income tax is to take place in the ways and means committee Monday, and it is now pretty well known that a victory will be gained. The president and Secretary Carlisle have thrown the weight of their influence against such a tax.

Representative Whiting will soon introduce a bill providing for the issuance of a large quantity of legal tender treasury notes as a substitute for the bonding proposition, which has come under consideration by the ways and means committee.

A party of about forty persons, including many senators and members of the house and prominent newspaper men will leave Washington today for Hampton, Va., where they go to attend the wedding of Charles F. Faulkner of West Virginia who is to be married to Miss Virginia Whiting of that place on Wednesday next.

Reports of the condition of the national banks at the close of business Dec. 19 are being received at the treasury department in response to the call of the comptroller of the currency. They show that the average reserves of the banks reporting are very large and in some cases larger than on the date of the previous call, October 3, indicating that the amount of money still idle is very great.

The receipts of the government for the month of December have been \$29,027,897, and the expenditures \$30,178,519, a decrease of \$1,150,622 during the month. The receipts for the fiscal year to date have been \$1,552,421,314, and the expenditures \$1,550,500,002, a deficiency of receipts over expenditures for practically half the year of \$1,921,312.

The treasury balance today is \$98,351,157, a decrease of \$6,038,499 during the month. The net gold is \$61,475,339, a decrease since the first of \$1,483,714; and the currency balance is \$7,785,822, a decrease of \$4,454,745.

### THREATENED THE MINISTER.

His Crusade Against Investment Companies.

SAGINAW, Mich., Dec. 31.—The Rev. George R. Wallace, pastor of the First Congregational church, received the following letter yesterday from either a crank or scoundrel, which he naturally thinks an un-American proceeding that should not be a step to:

"Mr. G. R. Wallace—I will let you know that you better keep your mouth shut. I am afraid that the time is nearing your existence. I heard that they will blow up your house with dynamite. The feeling is very bitter against you. You better look out. Yours, 'S. S.'"

"For the past three years," remarked Mr. Wallace in commenting upon the above, "I have led a crusade against the fraudulent investment companies. Threats of violence have reached me before and tonight four drunken fellows came in a hack to take me out of my house. The knowledge that I had a revolver probably deterred them from carrying out their intentions. The worst, however, reached me in the shape of the above letter. I think it is safe to be concluded to believe that the spirit of anarchy exists in the breasts of some, even in Saginaw."

### TWO HORSES CREMATED.

Finest Barn in Newago County Destroyed by Fire.

FREMONT, Mich., Dec. 31.—The large barn and two stables of John Johnson, near Long Lake, together with the contents, were burned last night. Two horses were cremated but several head of cattle were saved with difficulty. The barn was built ten years ago by Eyerson & Hise and was the finest one Saginaw county. The loss on the burned buildings is \$2,500 and the insurance \$1,500.

### Captives For Their Arrest.

ADRIAN, Mich., Dec. 31.—Freeman, Delamater & Co., hardware dealers of Detroit, are caused a captive to leave Saginaw, Mich., and return to the city of the Ed. Gibbons & Ashby Walker, lately failed, alluring misrepresentation as to the standing of the firm when it was organized. Gibbons married Walker's sister, and Mrs. Walker, mother of Walker, and Mrs. Gibbons had a \$5,000 mortgage on the stock when the Detroiters claimed that \$5,000 it was said to have been an advance to young Walker as an heir.

### Pardoned by the Governor.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 31.—Governor Rich has pardoned Charles Summers, who was recently sent to the Detroit house of correction from Detroit for vagrancy. Summers was one of that numerous class of individuals who courted an arrest and conviction that he might not have to struggle with the cold world for a living during the winter. A friend at Milan promised to take care of him, however, and so the governor concluded to grant him a pardon.

### Mother and Son Not Separated.

BUTLER, Mich., Dec. 31.—Mrs. Mary Lewis, aged 64, and her son George, aged 21, died the same day. The son was born the same day of the month and married on the same day of the month as his mother was. The son always said that he would die the same day as his mother did at home and when a neighbor went for a candle the son was found to be dead. He died the evening.

## MAY CUT BOTH WAYS

Point Made by Railway Employees if They Cannot Strike

### BOSSSES CANNOT CUT WAGES

They Will Contest the Question in Court as a Back Fire-Judge Rick's Opinion.

THESE HAVEN'T, Ind., Dec. 31.—When the executive officers of the brotherhood of railway employees meet in Chicago Thursday they will no doubt decide on a policy in regard to the relation of railway employees toward the United States courts, that will have a far-reaching effect. The step taken by the Northern Pacific before Judge Jenkins at Milwaukee, is but a preliminary of what may yet be done in the respect of calling on the federal courts to interpose their authority in settling wage controversies on roads which are in the hands of receivers. When Judge Rick at Toledo intervened in the Ann Arbor strike, he opened up an issue which the organized railway associations have since been studying almost constantly, but almost secretly. The opinions of eminent lawyers have been obtained and the brotherhood know about what they believe they can do in the premises.

### Wage Issue Raised.

The proceeding in the federal court at Toledo, a few days ago, was more significant than it appeared to be in the simple statement that the employees of the Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City, the "Clover Leaf," had asked the court to grant a hearing on the motion that the court instruct the receiver to pay the men better wages. If the hearing is granted, the men, by their lawyers, will endeavor to show that the receiver has not managed the property wisely in reducing their wages, only to pay new and increased salaries to ornamental officials. It will be urged that the court should listen to what may be said in this direction, inasmuch as the receiver is simply an agent of the court. This novel proceeding shows that the men have taken up with the idea that if the employees can run into the United States court-room to procure aid in their controversy with the men, that the employees will see if they can likewise procure aid or justice in the same way.

### To Contest It in Court.

It had been the intention in the Northern Pacific case to go to the United States courts if the receivers refuse to grant the request of the men not to make the changes in the schedule announced for January 1. The same course was virtually said to be taken by the men that they shall not quit work when the schedule goes into effect, was to have been asked to grant these same men a hearing. If the court ruled against them, they were to vote upon the question of quitting work. It is held by the brotherhood officials that if they voted to quit, the court can force them to work. They say they have faith in the justice of the courts; that in the Northern Pacific case, for instance, where it can be shown stock jobbers have wrecked the property, and by which the men made millions, the courts have the property and its best operation in their charge, they will listen to the men whose wages it is proposed to reduce, that the owners of the property may recuperate in part what the jobbers have stolen, as also enough to pay the receivers each \$10,000 a year for their services. In short, the courts are to be asked to hear the other side, in regard to the relation of the employee to the employer, who indeed is the court itself.

### Receivers Will Aid the Men.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 31.—Henry C. Payne, one of the receivers of the Northern Pacific railroad, returned today from St. Paul. Mr. Payne said he believed the trouble with the employees regarding the new wage schedule would be amicably settled. He said in the event of it being shown that there was injustice in the new schedule there was a possibility of the receivers going to the men asking the court for its modification.

### MARINE CREDITS.

Emperor William's Policy to be Attacked—Foreign News.

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—The government's first encounter with the conservative clerical coalition will take place on the issue of the extraordinary marine credits. It is an entirely new feature of the conservative policy that the party is willing to make an attack on the general staff against Emperor and minister.

The men in Bremen have applied for an increase of wages on the ground that they cannot live on what they now get. The employers have refused to grant the application. Some of the workers have already quit work.

Emperor William has gone to Kiel to settle the domestic troubles of his sister, the Princess Charlotte and her husband Bernard, hereditary prince of Saxe-Meiningen.

A. H. Clark of Boston has stopped in Berlin on his way to Munich where he will superintend the erection of the tower for Chicago university's giant telescope.

The trial of the young Czech agents who murdered Rudolph Mrra a week ago will take place in January.

The draft of the commercial treaty is now under scrutiny in St. Petersburg. A congress of German chambers of commerce will meet here on January 13.

### GLADSTONE WILL WIN.

Parish Bill to Be Forced Through Under Closure Rule.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—After the cabinet council yesterday, the government whips intimated to the conservatives the ministry's desire to arrange a compromise on the issue of the parish councils bill with a view to enabling the parliament to adjourn about January 30.

The negotiations were opened with Arthur Balfour, unionist leader and Joseph Chamberlain his first lieutenant, but neither of these gentlemen showed much inclination to make terms unless the government would grant concessions affecting the popular character of the measure. The difference between ministry and opposition in this case centers on what appears to be a trivial question concerning the constitution of the poor law boards and the control of the same by the parish councils.

If an agreement is obtained before the adjournment of the house on Monday, Mr. Gladstone will force the closure rule.

## DEED OF A MANIAC

John Cummings Fastened His Family in a Burning Room

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Fire Department Was Shot—\$200,000 Worth of Goods Destroyed.

### NEBRASKA BANK CLOSED.

LEWIS, Neb., Dec. 31.—The bank of Apple, Chase county with a capital stock of \$400,000 and a deposit of \$100,000 in the state banking board, Examiner Creighton Morris is in charge and will make a report as soon as possible. The last report of Cashier W. F. West was made September 15. It showed deposits amounting to about \$140,000 and discounts amounting to \$32,000.

### Gang of Thieves Arrested.

EVANVILLE, Ind., Dec. 31.—William Nelson, Ed. Scully, Dan Patterson and William Zieberry were arrested today by Detective Branch and Assistant Sheriff and Officer Schrick. The men have committed a series of depredations in this and surrounding cities.

### MITCHELL-CORBETT MILL.

Florida Sports Confident of a Favorable Court Decision.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 31.—Judge Call will hold the habeas corpus proceedings Tuesday in the matter of the arrest of Corbett and Mitchell to test the Florida law in relation to prize fights. The promoters of the fight seem to have some grounds for asserting that Judge Call will decide the case in their favor. They base their claim on Call's record when he was prosecuting attorney for this county about three years ago. At that time a glove contest took place at the opera house in this city. The principals in the affair were promptly indicted by the grand jury. The case was then brought to court. It is said, that Call, in his capacity of prosecuting attorney, moved to dismiss the indictments on the ground that such contests were not in violation of the laws of Florida. They say that it will never do for Call, the justice of the peace, to decide a case prohibited, for it will be an admission that Call, the prosecuting attorney, did not know anything about law. The managers of the club say that if Judge Call sustains them, the government cannot get the case before the supreme court, the right of appeal does not exist for a protest.

### ATLANTA WANTS THE FIGHT.

Athletic Club Organized to Secure the Mitchell-Corbett Fight.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 31.—An athletic club was organized today with the aid of upcapital of \$40,000 and a bid for the Corbett-Mitchell contest will be made in event the meeting cannot be pulled off in Florida. It has been found that the laws of Georgia do not prohibit prize fighting and the persons interested in the movement are now working to build and most influential men in the city. They will be able to pull off the fight without opposition. Articles of incorporation will be secured in the courts tomorrow morning, and during the day, by an agreement of the club, J. F. Lynch will leave for Florida to consult the pugilists.

### San Antonio Puts Up \$25,000.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, Dec. 31.—Since there is a strong doubt that the Corbett-Mitchell fight will not come off in Florida, the syndicate of San Antonio businessmen has decided to put up \$25,000 to the managers of the principals to have the contest come off in San Antonio or Mexico. No reply has yet been received.

### Knocked Out in Seventh Round.

LOMA CITY, Iowa, Dec. 31.—A light glove contest to a finish for a purse of \$500 and door money between James Mara of this city and Paddy Brennan of Davenport took place last night and both men sustained considerable punishment, but Mara won in the seventh round.

### Barn Burning Near Pontiac.